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"Heads I win, tails you lose!"

USAF Chief of Staff Sweepstakes Award

Historical:

In **1978** the CAP-USAF Commander General Paul E. Gardner, USAF recommended, and the NEC approved on 4 March 1978 the use of Civil Air Patrol Corporate funds in the amount of \$1000 to rename and establish the USAF Chief of Staff Sweepstakes award as recognition of the NCC Champions. General David C. Jones, USAF COS (July 1,1974 to June 20, 1978) approved of this award and authorized it in the name of the USAF-CoS on, 26 April 1978. The first winners were the North Carolina Wing-Middle East Region in December 1978.

Subsequent Champions:

1979	North Carolina Wing-Middle East Region
1980	New York Wing-Northeast Region
1981	California Wing-Pacific Region
1982	New York Wing-Northeast Region
1983	Illinois Wing-Great Lakes Region
1984	New York Wing-Northeast Region
1985	New York Wing-Northeast Region
1986	California Wing-Pacific Region
1987	California Wing-Pacific Region
1988	New York Wing-Northeast Region
1989	New Jersey Wing-Northeast Region
1990	New Jersey Wing-Northeast Region
1991	New York Wing-Northeast Region
1992	New Jersey Wing-Northeast Region
1993	New Jersey Wing-Northeast Region
1994	New Jersey Wing-Northeast Region
1995	Louisiana Wing-Southeast Region

At the same time (1978) ten small miniatures of the big trophy's top casted in bronze-gold color were purchased for award to the champions, as well as ten in silver color for the runner ups.

Say What!

In 1990 In lieu of making the USAF Chief of staff sweepstakes award base larger or to extended the awards height so as to be able as to make room for additional champion names. National HQ USAF staff removed the twelve original winner's plates and placed them upon a separate wooden plaque, and added 12 blank plates.

Travel History:

The award trophy was purchased with a **harden and pre-cut, and pre-formed, travel case**, the original intent was to display this at the Pentagon, and other AF areas in the name of the Civil Air Patrol-United States Air Force Auxiliary. I do know It was displayed for about 6 months in 1979 at the Pentagon, and that was it.

I believe It has remained at Maxwell AFB ever since, yes it was moved to storage at Gunter AFB when NHQ was refurbished. More over, in 1990 NHQ forgot to display it at Maxwell AFB, NCO club at the NCC awards banquet,

That is all the history I have I anybody else has more please so advise..